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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the non-final Office Action (Paper No. 16) mailed October 12, 2000,
please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

A marked-up version of the changes being made by the current amendment and an
Appendix containing the pending claims, whether or not amended as they stand after entry of
the present amendment, are submitted herewith.

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Amend claims 5 and 24 as follows:

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5. (First time amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising disrupting or
lysing structural components or cells in the sample prior to the contacting step.

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24. (First time amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, the method further comprising
the step of detecting, hybridizing, amplifying or quantifying the bound nucleic acid after the
separating step.

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